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WELCOME TO METRO.US

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and I'm not just talking about the impending holidays. The 2018 NYC Taxi Driver Calendar is out! Not only will this tongue-in-cheek calendar bring you joy all year long, but a portion of its proceeds benefit University Settlement, which has been providing education and social

services to immigrant and lowincome families since 1886. Diversity, you've never looked so sexy. Find out more on **Page 4** or at **metro.us.**

DETAILS ON N. KOREAN HACKING CAMPAIGN

The U.S. government issued a technical alert about cyberattacks it said are sponsored by the North Korean government that have targeted the aerospace, telecommunications and financial industries since 2016. The alert, from the FBI and Department of Homeland Security, said North Korean hackers were using a type of malware known as "FALLCHILL" to gain entry to computers and compromise network systems. The FBI

and DHS had issued a warning in June that squarely blamed the North Korean government for a raft of cyberattacks stretching back to 2009 targeting media, aerospace and financial sectors, as well as critical infrastructure, in the United States and globally. The alert included the publication of IP addresses the FBI said were linked to the hacking campaign and was intended to help private industry guard against the attacks.

GUNMAN KILLS FOUR IN CALIFORNIA SHOOTING

A gunman carrying a semiautomatic weapon and two handguns opened fire at multiple locations across a small Northern California community on Tuesday, killing four people before he was slain by police. At least 10 other people were wounded, including two children at an elementary school near the small town of Corning, about 100 miles north of Sacramento,

where the suspect was killed, according to police and local media. "Deeply saddened to hear of the shooting in Northern California, the loss of life, including innocent children," Vice President Mike Pence said on Twitter. "We commend the effort of courageous law enforcement. We'll continue to monitor the situation & provide federal support, as we pray for comfort & healing for all impacted."



US AGENCIES DETECTED KASPERSKY SOFTWARE

About 15 percent of U.S. federal agencies have reported some trace of Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab software on their systems, a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) official told Congress on Tuesday. Jeanette Manfra, assistant secretary for cybersecurity at DHS, told a U.S. House of Representatives panel that 94 percent of agencies had responded to a directive

ordering them to survey their networks to identify any use of Kaspersky Lab products. The administration of President Donald Trump ordered civilian U.S. agencies in September to remove Kaspersky Lab from their networks, amid worries the antivirus firm was vulnerable to Kremlin influence and that using its anti-virus software could jeopardize national security.

SERIAL KILLER COULD BE BEHIND TAMPA SHOOTING

Police in Tampa, Florida, were investigating whether a fatal shooting on Tuesday could be linked to a possible serial killer who is feared to have murdered three victims in a string of night attacks terrorizing a city neighborhood. The 60-year-old victim, Ronald Felton, was shot from behind shortly before 5 a.m. as he was crossing a street in central Tampa's Seminole Heights area, interim

Tampa Police Chief Brian Dugan told reporters. "Right now we are treating it as though it is related [to the previous killings] until we can rule otherwise," Dugan said. Three people were shot to death in Seminole Heights last month, two of them while waiting at bus stops. Dugan described the gumman as a black male with a thin build, dressed in black and wearing a black baseball cap, and said he likely lived in the area.

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Feast your eyes: NYC cabbies get cheeky in 2018 charity calendar

The 2018 NYC Taxi
Drivers Calendar
has arrived — and it
may be the hottest
one yet.



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New Yorkers likely only see the city's tens of thousands of cab drivers from behind the partition, but they are about to get an eyeful now that the 2018 NYC Taxi Drivers Calendar has arrived.

While the fifth annual cabbie calendar is a tongue-in-cheek hoot, it's all for a good cause. A portion of the \$14.99 calendar benefits the University Settlement, which has been providing education and social services to immigrant and low-income families since 1886. To date, sales from the NYC Taxi Drivers Calendar have raised more than

\$60,000 for the nonprofit.

The main reason we do the project is to highlight the hard-working men and women that underappreciated and often unseen," Philip Kirkman, the calendar's creative director, told Metro. "And considering the current state of affairs, portraying these individuals in a positive, upbeat spirit feels especially pressing. We love seeing people all over the country and world celebrating diversity and having a good laugh along the way.

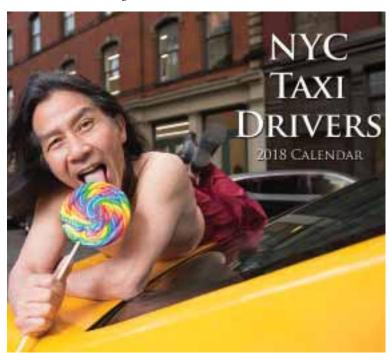
Since its inception five years ago, the Taxi Drivers Calendar has been purchased by people in all 50 states and more than 30 countries around the world, Kirkman said.

The calendar, which was shot all around the city by Kirkman's wife, Shannon, features 12 cabbies who hail from

seven different countries.

There's strongwoman Nipa, the third female and first Bangladeshi woman to be featured; Alex, who not only owns December but also makes the cover extra sweet; Louie, who makes filling up look good; Nazmul, who has a secret just for you; Iqbal, who takes the air out of our lungs; Salik, who plucks at our heartstrings; Luis, who gets his hands dirty at BKLYN Clay; Dan, who is too sexy for his classic cab from FilmCars; Tommy, who makes the street as hot as his flat iron; Malek, who cleans up real nice; Hassan, who we hope shares his cake; and Terry, who we bet you can't resist giving an extra tip to.

To purchase the 2018 NYC Taxi Drivers Calendar, visit nyctaxicalendar.com or follow @nyctaxicalendar on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook



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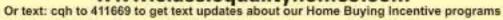
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NYU launches tech hub to help support veteran entrepreneurs

The Veterans
Future Lab will
be part of NYU's
Tandon School of
Engineering and
will be located in
Brooklyn.



New York University has launched a new lab to support entrepreneurial Unites States military veterans and their startup ventures, the school announced this week.

Called the Veterans Future Lab, the technology hub will be located in Industry City, along the waterfront in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The initiative is part of NYU Tandon School of Engineering and supported by Barclays and the Empire State Development Corporation.

"Historically, veterans have shown an immense



Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul (fourth from left), Barclays CEO Jes Staley (third from left), other state officials and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering launched the Veterans Future Lab on Monday. PROVIDED BY NYU

entrepreneurial spirit, founding a wide range of successful startups," said Dean Katepalli R. Sreenivasan in a statement.

"The Veterans Future Lab was conceived as a way to foster that spirit and encourage veterans to combine technology with skills learned while serving in the military," he continued. "I look forward to seeing what these exceptional men and women will create."

The lab will provide mentorship, support for startup ventures and will feature a prototyping space open to all in the Sunset Park community.

Vets can receive scholarships to the engineering school if they enroll in "A Bridge to Tandon." That program helps prepare people without engineering degrees to qualify for graduate-level studies at the engineering school.

Those scholarships are

in addition, the university says, to perks for veterans like access to the NYU Tandon faculty, industry leaders, community events, subsidized office space, and entrepreneurship-specific services such as legal, marketing and design.

These opportunities will open doors to veterans when they come back home, officials said.

"It's our responsibility to ensure that the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom receive the support they need to be successful when they return from the front lines," said Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul in a statement. "By provid-ing our military veterans with a startup hub that mentorship and support in the early stages of their businesses, we are setting them up with the tools they need to launch and grow into our next entrepreneurial success stories.



When should you hit the road to head to your Thanksgiving festivities? Check out Google Mans data to find out the best and worst times GETTY IMAGES

New Google Maps data helps you avoid Thanksgiving traffic

Google Maps recently released traffic data and trends to help keep Thanksgiving travelers informed ahead of their holiday treks home.

Across the country, pretty much wherever you're headed or coming from, late afternoon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is the worst time to be on the road, according to the data from Google Maps.

Specifically for those leaving from or venturing to the New York City area, the best time to leave is on Thanksgiving day itself at 6 a.m., according to Google Maps. The worst day, unsurprisingly, is the

day before Thanksgiving — Wednesday at 4 p.m., specifically.

The best and worst times to come home from your Thanksgiving trip vary by city, though in general, Google suggests avoiding the roads on the late afternoons of Friday or Saturday to miss as much traffic as you can.

To make coming home easier, you may cut your long weekend with the family a day short. For the New York City area, the best time to return from your trip is the Saturday after Thanksgiving at 6 a.m., and the worst time to return is Sunday at 3 p.m. KRISTIM TOUSSAINT



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Hockey stick-wielding man claims self-defense in fatal Uber driver attack

The defense alleges the driver was the "initial aggressor" in the hockey-stick attack and that his client reacted in a "reasonable fashion."



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The man charged with using a hockey stick to attack a New York City Uber driver, who later died, did so as an act of self-defense, his attorney said.

Kohji Kosugi, 39, of Manhattan, was arrested Sunday after getting into an altercation with 68-year-old Uber driver Randolph Tolk of West New York, New Jersey, late Saturday night on the West Side Highway.

Police said that Kosugi hit Tolk's 2010 Toyota Camry with his hockey stick after the vehicle nearly struck him in a crosswalk near Chelsea Piers. The incident turned physical after Tolk exited the car, and Kosugi hit him in the head with the hockey stick and continued hitting Tolk after he fell to the ground.



Randolph Tolk, 68, died early Sunday morning after crashing his car following an altercation with pedestrian Kohji Kosuqi, above, near Chelsea Piers. FACEBOOK

Kosugi fled, and Tolk got back into his Camry and drove 10 blocks before crashing into a median. He was taken to Lenox Hill Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:40 a.m.

Kosugi's lawyer, David Jeffries, argues that Kosugi is not responsible for Tolk's death because the driver, who was not on the clock at the time of the incident, was able to drive after the attack.

"Mr. Kosugi is not the cause of the very unfortunate, tragic outcome," Jeffries told CBS2. "Unfortu-

nately, the driver played a very large and outsized role in how things got to the place they got to."

Jeffries alleges that Tolk was the "initial aggressor" and that he was not following "the rules of the road." His client, who he said is a doctor though he did not specify what field of medicine he practices, "reacted in what could be considered a reasonable fashion."

Kosugi's bail was set at \$500,000 cash. The city's Medical Examiner has not yet released Tolk's cause of death.

LEAD IN NYC WATER

Lead poisoning lurks in scores of New York City areas

In public health circles, New York City is known for its long war on lead poisoning.

A 2004 housing law targeted "elimination" of childhood lead poisoning within six years. The city offers free lead testing in housing, vows to fix hazards and bill landlords when necessary, and has seen childhood exposure rates decline year after year.

Yet areas of high lead exposure risk remain throughout the city, a Reuters exploration of blood testing data found. In the first examination of its kind, reporters obtained New York childhood blood testing data down to the census tract level — areas with some 4,000 residents apiece.

While poisoning has nearly been eliminated in many neighborhoods, Reuters identified 69 New York City census tracts where at least 10 percent of small children screened over an 11-year period, from 2005 to 2015, had elevated lead levels.



Rush-hour traffic moves along on FDR Drive. GETTY IMAGES

That is twice the rate found in Flint, Michigan, during the peak of its notorious water contamination crisis in 2014 and 2015, where the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found 5 percent of children's tests were high.

The risk areas spanned New York neighborhoods and demographic groups. Peeling old paint is a conspicuous hazard, but reporters tracked other perils hiding in plain sight, from leaded soil and water, to dangerous toys, cosmetics and health supplements.

In 2015, 5,400 city children tested with an elevated blood lead

level, 5 micrograms per deciliter or higher, New York's most recent annual report on lead poisoning showed. More than 800 had levels at least twice that high.

Data explored by Reuters offers a hyperlocal look at neighborhood areas where the city has fallen short of its eradication goal.

"New York's prevention program is renowned, so the fact it still has pockets like these shows how challenging this issue is on a national scale," said Patrick MacRoy, a former director of Chicago's lead poisoning prevention program. REUTERS

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Donald Trump Jr. releases Twitter conversations with WikiLeaks

Trump's eldest son posted the correspondences on social media.



President Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr. released correspondences he had with WikiLeaks before the 2016 election and posted the conversation on

"Here is the tire chain of messages with @wikileaks (with my whopping 3 responses) which one of the congressional committees has chosen to selectively leak," he wrote on

The Atlantic reported Donald Trump Jr. was contacted by the WikiLeaks Twitter ac-count via direct message on September 20, 2016, just before midnight.

"A PAC run anti-Trump site putintrump. org is about to launch, WikiLeaks wrote in the message. "The PAC is a recycled pro-Iraq War PAC. We have guessed the password. It is 'putintrump.' See 'About' for who is behind it. Any comments?

The message Trump Jr. came just three weeks before Don-Trump's running mate Mike Pence denied communication the campaign had with WikiLeaks.

About 12 hours later, Trump Jr. responds, "Off the record don't know who that is but I'll ask around. Thanks.

These direct messages as well as others were sent by Trump Jr.'s lawyers to congressional investigators and were also obtained by The Atlantic.

The messages appear to be a one-sided conversation between the WikiLeaks Twitter account and Donald Trump Jr. It appears that he only responded to WikiLeaks twice, once on Sept. 3 and again on Oct. 3.

In October WikiLeaks asked Trump Jr. to "comment on/push this story" about Demo-cratic presidential nominee at the time Hillary Clinton wanting to 'just drone" WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

"Already did that ear-lier today," Trump Jr. re-sponded. "It's amazing what she can get away

Trump Jr. followed by asking WikiLeaks about a "Wednesday leak" he had heard about.

"What's behind this Wednesday leak I keep reading about?" Trump inquired.

According to the series of direct messages, WikiLeaks never responded to Trump Jr.'s inquiry about the "Wednesday leak," but the account continued to message Trump Jr. asking him to ask his father to share and promote articles created by WikiLeaks. Although Trump Jr. didn't respond via direct message it appears he may have relayed the messages to his father.

"What's behind this Wednesday leak I keep reading

Donald Trump Jr.





Donald Trump Jr. attends the 139th White House Easter Egg Roll at The White House. **GETTY IMAGES**

The FDA just approved use of a 'trackable' pill

Is Big Brother coming to medicine?



Do you constantly forget when - and if - you took your medication? A type of pill approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration might be right up your alley.

The FDA will allow the makers of Abilify MyCite aripiprazole, a medication prescribed to treat schizophrenia and manic episodes, to sell the tablets outfitted with an ingestible sensor that "activates when it reaches stomach fluids and communicates with the patch," according to the FDA. This allows doctors, patients and their families insight on when (and if) the medication was taken.

The medication is not tracked in real time. It takes anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours for the sensor to relay information back to a wearable patch, according to the FDA. The information is then accessible via a

smartphone app. How-ever, there isn't a 100 percent guarantee that the medicine will always track correctly.

The FDA says the pill's tracking feature will be useful for certain types of patients, including adults with depression, bipolar disorders and schizophrenia, a devastating mental illness that affects up to 1 percent of adults in the United States.

"The FDA supports development and use of new technology in prescription drugs and is committed to working with companies to understand how this technology might benefit patients prescribers," FDA's Mitchell Mathis said in a statement.

The trackable medication isn't yet shown to improve patient compliance, according to the FDA, but taking it can give the patient and caregivers important information "with the goal of allowing physicians to be more informed in making treatment decisions that are specific to the patient's needs.'

The sensor likely won't

"The goal [is] allowing physicians to be more informed in making treatment decisions that are specific to the patient's needs."

The FDA, on the new pill

AMTRAK

US safety board criticizes Amtrak 'weak safety culture'

The head of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board criticized Amtrak's safety record at a hearing on Tuesday on a fatal 2016 crash and said the railroad failed to use critical safety equipment that could have prevented the incident.

An Amtrak train traveling from New York in April 2016 struck a backhoe on the railroad tracks in Chester, Pennsylvania, killing two maintenance workers and injuring 41.

NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt told a hearing the board's "investigation revealed more than

two dozen unsafe conditions and not all of these were rule-breaking by frontline employees."

Sumwalt said that "clumsy Amtrak procedures seem to encourage workarounds by workers to get the job done," and added investigators "found a culture of fear" at Amtrak.

The NTSB found Amtrak managers allowed "multiple unsafe conditions to persist." The report also found three employees involved in the accident tested positive for potentially impairing drugs, and one employee said that Amtrak emphasized on-time performance over safety. REUTERS

change the size of the tablets, either: It's about the size of a grain of sand.



The FDA says the tracking feature of a newly approved pill (not pictured) will be useful for certain types of patients, including adults with depression, bipolar disorders and schizophrenia. GETTY IMAGES



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Before we get into these

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Know this fact: There is no one treatment that will help every case of back pain. And we cannot guarantee this treatment will work for you. But this treatment has already helped countless back and neck pain sufferers who had given up hope. I bet many just like you.

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If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

What Results Can You Expect?

Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "impaits" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months... 12 months.... 18 months for some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

While we cannot claim this is a complete "permanent cure" . . . it can be a godsend for so many who were in constant pain.

Really... what would it be worth if you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be

able to finally get a good night's sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is not surgical.

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as antiinflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof without the need for a surgical center or hospital.

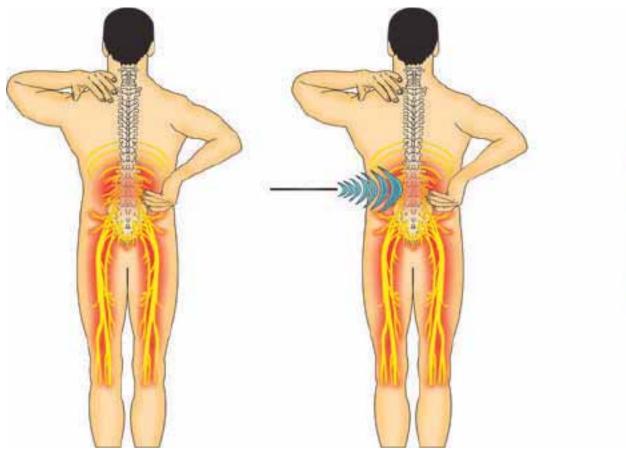
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Thanks to this new MIT device, you will never kill plants again

The technology can predict droughts and let farmers and gardeners know when their plants are dying, long before they wilt.



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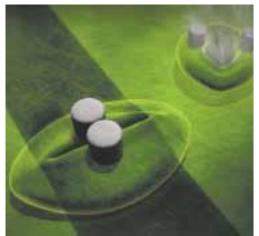
But what if your plant could tell you when it needs water? That may be the future, thanks to engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MIT engineers have developed a sensor that can be "printed" onto a plant's leaf and transmit data from the plant itself about if it's experiencing water stress.

That sensor contains electronic circuit nanotechnology and is about five times thinner than a human hair, said Michael Strano, an MTT chemical engineering professor and the senior author of the new study on the development. The sensor sits on top of the plant's "stomata," the small pores found on leaves.

"If you look on the surface of a leaf, you'll see millions of little pores that actually look like eyes, and they actually open and close in real time," he said.

These pores help hydrate the plant by opening to evaporate water. "You can think of it as the plant is drinking." Strano said. "It evaporates water



Artist's rendering of the sensor composed of conductive ink printed across a stoma with two micropillars. **COURTESY OF BETSY SKRIP**

through the pore and that evaporation pulls water up from the soil."

Plants start to die from lack of water days before they visibly wilt, if they

even wilt at all, Strano said — and these pores show the earliest signs of drought. To develop this technology, Strano and his coauthor Volodymyr Koman stopped watering a peace lily plant and noticed a change in how those pores function.

"What ended up happening, way before the plant starts to wilt we see that the pores will open slower," he said. "Because the plant uses water potential to open and close this pore, [when there's no water], the plant is almost drowsy, like a sleepy child whose eyes are opening and closing slowly."

That drowsiness, or latency, helps predict if the plant is in a water shortage before it starts dying. Strano is working on developing a small sticker that contains the sensors, so the amateur gardener can put it on their plants and monitor them via their phone.

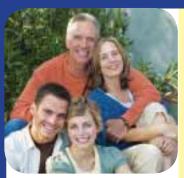
Aside from that one gardener, this has huge implications for our

food system, Strano said. First, it can help predict droughts so farmers better able to rescue their crops.

Second — and to Strano, more importantly — these sensors can help scientists specifically identify plants that are good at handling lower amounts of water.

"The hope is by doing this we could crossbreed plants that can flourish and provide food under conditions where the water is not as available, creating crops that are more resistant to drought," he said. "The definition of what a drought is can start to change, and if the weather changes, if the climate changes, the food yield won't drop as much, and it can be a piece of the puzzle for food security for the world."

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From the start, one consolation for voters who oppose Donald Trump has been the ineptness of his party. Despite holding both chambers of Congress and the Oval Office, the Republicans have repeatedly gathered around the launch pad of legislative hopes only to watch their initiatives explode in a flurry of fire and sparks. Obamacare still stands. The wall with Mexico remains a pipe dream. No sweeping infrastructure improvements are underway.

But in a single arena, Team Trump and his Army of Conservatives are displaying dazzling efficiency: the courts. Aided by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and a passel of right-wing advisers, the administration is pushing judges into jobs at breakneck speed.

The biggest target is the U.S. Courts of Appeal. These courts, while less headline-grabbing than the Supreme Court, handle many, many, many more cases and

TOM FOREMAN

Analysis

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



their influence is immense. So Republicans are shoving hard-core conservatives into those courts relentlessly young judges who could shape legal proceedings and affect legislation for decades — even when Republicans don't hold as much power as they do now.

Sure, the White House is encountering some trouble. For example, a few of the president's

nominees have been roundly dissed by the American Bar Association as too inexperienced to hold federal judgeships. One was notably cited for being way too much of an advocate for conservative causes and "gratuitously rude.

But to the dread of Democrats who can do almost nothing to stop this, most of the president's other nominees are competent, intelligent and reasonably experienced; meaning once they are confirmed to these lifetime jobs, they will likely prove effective enforcers of conservative principles — having a genuine impact on the laws and regulations that govern our lives. Amid all the noise over Russia, tax reform and inappropriate liaisons with teenagers, this is not getting a lot of attention. But make no mistake: More than anything else that has happened since Donald Trump took office, this could make a real difference - for a real long time.

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Kevin Spacey is having a great time in rehab

Remember when Kevin Spacey responded to allegations of sexual assault by trying to distract the masses with a comingout statement? Well, the 58-year-old actor has taken to the Meadows — a rehab clinic that's the goto for troubled stars who want to act as if they're changing their image. No, seriously — Harvey Weinstein is reportedly seeking treatment there. As if you could treat symptoms of harmful patriarchal structures for \$28,000 a month!

They're not the only ones, either. Celebrities - from Selena Gomez to Kate Moss — have long sought treatment at the clinic, which treats sex addiction, drug addiction, eating disorders, alcoholism and more with New Age-influenced therapy, yoga, riding lessons and a plethora of stuffed animals to cry into.

Sounds like a great time, honestly.



Baby's got a gut full of baby.

Jordin Sparks secretly wed, got pregnant

Jordin Sparks is just another brave woman willing to procreate during the precarious Trump administration. That's right: The "American Idol" alum is expecting and she also got married while you weren't looking. Sneaky! The 27-year-old secretly wed 25-year-old aspiring model Dana Isaiah in

July, surrounded by the sights of Hawaii and a small group of close friends.

Sparks met Isaiah's family in February. After their respective mothers set them up over text, the now-couple met face to face in April. "A couple days after we had actually met, I was like in my head 'That's going to be my husband! That's my husband right there." Sounds too soon, but what do we know about love!? That's right, nothing.

Congratulations to this beautiful couple that barely knows each other. And good luck, also.

Meghan & Harry still aren't engaged, BTW



First things first: No, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry hot ginger royal we all know and love, in that faraway way you have affection for people you don't actually know-– are still not engaged. But maybe they will be soon especially when you consider that Markle is maybe leaving "Suits."

Deadline reports that Markle and co-lead Patrick J. Adams are both eyeing exits from the series after seven seasons. Markle, for one, is honestly too busy to continue being an actress, because dating a royal takes a lot of time out of one's schedule. You understand

Many people are

taking Markle's potential exit as a sign that she and Harry are really actually getting engaged this time. But let's think about that for a second. Why would they get engaged when there could just be rumors of tȟem getting engaged for the rest of time, you know?

Keegan-Michael Key is off the market, again

Keegan-Michael Key is engaged to be married. And the "Friends From College" and "Key & Peele" star is so serious about this affair that he got a representative to talk to Us Weekly about it. Like, chill, brah.

The magazine confirms that Key



attended red carpets together, but mostly have stayed mum about their relationship

This will be his second go in the merry-go-round that I like to call wedded bliss followed by, "Oh wait, what have I done?" Key was married to Hollywood dialect coach Cynthia Blaise for 17 years. They separated in November 2015 and filed divorce papers in December of that year. Neat-o!

So yes, let's heap on more congratulations for yet an-





Rob Reiner declares the rom-com dead

They just aren't serving "what she's having" anymore.



When the director behind some of the most beloved romantic comedies (including "When Harry Met Sally") declares the end of the genre, I can't help but reflexively reach for the tissues to mourn the loss. But Hollywood has evolved since Reiner and co. founded Castle Rock Entertainment 30 years ago, and as he sees it, "they just don't make those movies anymore."

started Castle Rock with four partners in 1987, and we've made over 130 movies," he says. "Not one of them would ever get made at a studio. And I'm talking 'City Slickers,' 'A Few Good Men' ... any of them."

What's behind the shift from these classics to today's box office cat nip? Blame it on the franchise funnel.

"Studios are making movies with the word 'man' and a number in the title," continues Reiner. "Like 'Batman 7,' 'Iron Man 4,' 'Spider-Man 2,' 'Superman 11' - if there's a 'man' and a number, and at least now what 'Wonder Woman' a 'woman' and a number, they'll make it."

Consider "When Harry Met Sally..." starred two relatively unknown leads. Meg Ryan was no star, and Billy Crystal was only known

on the comedy circuit. "If you tried to make a romantic comedy that was somewhat representational of what sentational of what men and women are like with each other to-day, well 'good luck'!" he says.

Another pitfall of the cinema scene today is the dearth of clever

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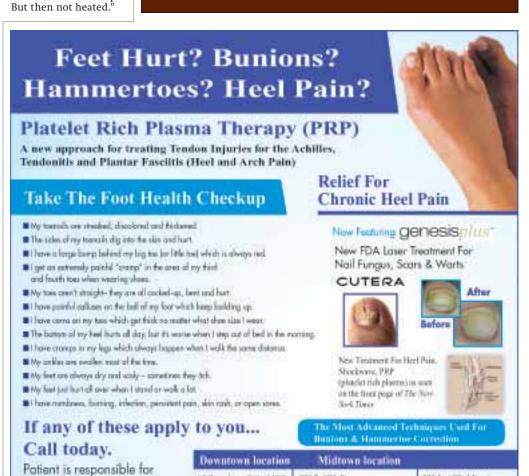
"You need people that're witty and brilliant, and have great observational powers about men and women, and how they relate to each other," Reiner reminisced, calling out the genius of Nora Ephron. "Studios just aren't interested in these movies."

It's not all doom and gloom for the industry (and for us fans of a classic rom-com). Reiner sees great things being made on independent screens with independent purse strings. "If you look at the Öscars," he says, "none of them are financed by

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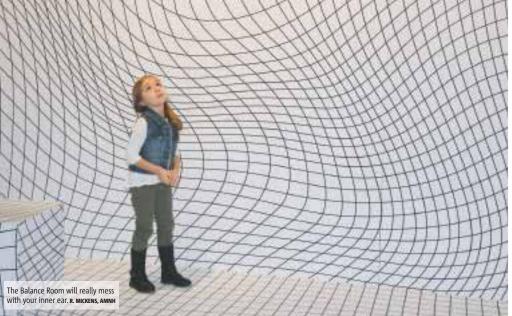
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Spanning 11 rooms themed to your senses there are many more you didn't even know you had — the interactive exhibit shows visitors not just how amazing human

perception is, but how limited and even wrong it can be.

"Conventional dom tells us that we have five senses: sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing, says AMNH President Ellen Futter. "There's also common sense, street sense, sense of humor, even nonsense. Perhaps you can keep some of those handy on this fun and fascinating journey of our senses.

All kidding aside, Our Senses is definitely the trippiest exhibit the museum (and possibly any museum) has ever held. Rather than the usual series of displays, Our Senses broke the museum mold to create "interactive, mind-bending, fun and enjoyable experiences" that will confuse and even unbalance you.

The exhibit fairly delights in challenging what limited senses. Think you know what pattern an animal-print wallpaper is? Only until the light in the room changes, revealing new creatures. A trompe l'oeil drawing is either an old man or a lizard depending on which way it's turned — and your brain will make it difficult to perceive whichever one you saw second.

In what's sure to be the centerpiece of the exhibit, visitors step inside a room that seems to warp around them. Each wall (and even the floor and ceiling!) is covered in a graph pattern that bends and dips, creating the illusion of movement. It's so disorienting, there's a hallway to skip it for those who become overwhelmed.

Fun fact: Every living creature has senses, even the first single-cell organisms born in the primordial ooze 3.5 billion years ago. They interpreted the world by what touched cell membrane. their Our Senses touches on the many ways animals see the world differently from the rest of us: You can hunt like a snake using a heat-sensitive infrared camera, and see flowers the way insects do.

You may know that despite all that time to evolve, humans can only perceive a very narrow band of, well, everything: light, sound, smells. What we do have, of course, is our big brains. As curator Rob Desalle describes it, we've basically engineered ourselves out of needing to evolve further.

"I like to think we have

no limit to our senses, really," he explains. "Even though the machinery within our bodies limits us, we overcome those limitations with technology. We can always build something that allows us to sense outside of our range," like microscopes and satellites.

With that brain, of course, comes complications. Our Senses doesn't shy away from the difficult concepts that also shape our perceptions: where we grew up, how our feelings change what we see, that paying attention to what we think is important can cause us to miss other vital information.

And just as you're about to leave, feeling like our feeble bodies only let us down, there's something worth remem-

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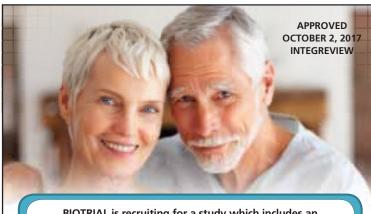
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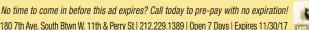
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Land use, affordable housing, commercial rent control are among the issues to follow.

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As the dust settles and Mayor Bill de Blasio prepares to embark on his second term as mayor, the question on many minds is: what's next? For the real estate industry, the answer is a bit of a mixed bag. Here are a few issues to keep an eye out for:

A pricier affordable housing program

Last month, the mayor announced that his affordable housing program - which set out to preserve or build 200,000 affordable units by 2024, was two years ahead of schedule. He also decided to up the ante, pledging to add another 100,000 to that total by 2026. According to Politico, this change more than doubles the estimated budget for the program — \$82.6 billion — and means the city will be on the hook for \$16.9 billion instead of \$8.2 billion. It remains

to be seen how these new goals will play out, in conjunction with the newly rebooted 421a (dubbed Affordable New York), which gives developers a 35-year break from taxes, as well as the mayor's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program.

Commercial rent control Though there hasn't been a hearing on the subject since 1984, commercial rent control could make a comeback.

During a recent Crain's forum, most of the candidates for City Council Speaker said they'd be in favor of commercial rent control to help mom-and-pop stores compete in the city. The Real Estate Board of New York has called commercial rent control "unconstitutional.'

Land use/zoning

A few recent measures have called into question how the city handles rezoning proposals and as-of-right development. Council member Margaret Chin proposed legislation in August that would force three projects planned for the Lower East Side's waterfront to go through the arduous Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). If the

bill is passed, Chin would have a lot of leverage to shape the projects, since — when it comes to rezonings — the City Council historically votes according to the wishes of the local council member. In another case, a neighborhood-led proposal to scale back Gamma Real Estate's 430 East 58th Street, is making its way through City Planning. Gamma has argued that if the proposal prevails, it will imperil as-of-right development throughout the city.

Construction safety In September, the City Council approved a contentious construction safety bill that will require workers to undergo at least 40 hours of safety training. It remains to be seen exactly how the new requirements will be financed and how the Department of Buildings will enforce the new rules. Two other bills passed a month later hiked up penalties for building code violations and another pending measure will impose fines ranging from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million when a construction worker is seriously injured or dies on a site.

Knicks have protector in Kanter

One of the newest Knicks is showing that he's not afraid to step up for his teammates.



If there's one thing New York Knicks fans have grown accustomed to over the past 18 years, it's their hometown team rolling over and falling flat once under any kind of duress.

While the team still blew a 23-point lead to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night, things around this team feel different. And it's been spearheaded by the newly-acquired Enes Kanter.

Picked up in the Carmelo Anthony deal, Kanter has quickly established himself as a veteran leader despite being just 25 years old as he leaped to the defense of Knicks rookie Frank Ntilikina.

That didn't fly with Kanter, as he tweeted: "Nope!! We love what we got...Thanks!!!"

While James attempted to backtrack and say his comment was a shot at former Knicks president Phil Jackson, there was some ill will between the King and the rookie. After James slammed home a twohanded alley-oop in the final minute of the first quarter, the Cleveland star stood over Ntilikina, who was picking up the dead ball.

Ntilikina shoved the immovable James three times before the official stepped in between them. While Ntilikina was being lectured by the referee, Kanter came in and got right in James

There was no backing down and the Garden absolutely loved it. It sparked Kanter's big night as he put up season highs with 20 points and 16 rebounds.

We all know what happened next, though. The Cavaliers exploded in the second half to complete a huge comeback with James providing the dagger, a stepback three-pointer over Kristaps Porzingis to cap off a night in which he recorded 23 points with 12 assists and nine rebounds.

But Kanter refused to shy away from James even after the disappointing night.

"I don't care who you are, what you call yourself, King, Queen, Princess, whatever you are,' Kanter said. "You know what? We are going to fight and nobody out there is going to punk

If Kanter has shown Knicks fans anything, it's that he clearly enjoys being a member of this organization. This is the kind of fire he lacked in Oklahoma City, which

could have been because the Thunder were dominated by big person-alities like Russell Westbrook and earlier, Kevin Durant.

Shortly after the game, he even took to Twitter again to let it be known how much he adores his teammates.
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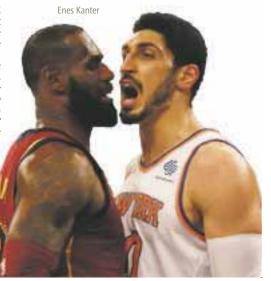
MY FAMILY" his tweet read with a picture of the Knicks huddled up above

Knowing that there is a 6-foot-11, 245-pound big man ready to put everything on the line to protect his teammates has to be reassuring for those playing alongside Kanter.

It has to feel just as good for head coach Jeff Hornacek and manager Scott Perry that the Knicks were able to attain a player that looks to be a vital glue guy in the lockerroom.

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Even with fans lining up, pitchforks and torches in hand demanding the termination of Ben McAdoo, the New York Giants have decided to stay the course in what has been a disaster of a year. And this embattled team finally got something right by keeping McAdoo around for the season's final seven games.

Wait, say what? Yes, this Giants season is horrendous and disappointing at 1-8, but the team isn't going anywhere this year. At best if the Giants won out, they would breakeven, a .500 team that wouldn't be making the playoffs.

So is firing McAdoo right now, even in the wake of a disastrous loss this past Sunday at the San Francisco 49ers worth it?

The answer is a resounding no.

Giants ownership on Monday issued a statement that pointed to their overall commitment to McAdoo for the rest of 2017, this despite what they called a season that is "inexcusable and frustrating."

First off, the Giants and their fan base at this advanced juncture in the year shouldn't be rooting for more wins or to turn around this season. At this point, minus their star wide receiver duo of Odell Beckham Jr. and Brandon Marshall, they are what they are. They



Ben McAdoo has had a 2017 to forget with the Giants, GETTY IMAGES

need a revamp on both sides of the ball and that won't happen this year.

It has to be drastic. It might painful, but it will be worth it.

A couple wins and their draft position could suffer dramatically, maybe even drop them out of the top five picks in next spring's NFL draft. To keep McAdoo and his failing ways is a calculated decision that the Giants can and will continue to be inept under his watch, something that lines them up well to start that aforementioned revamp of the roster.

But beyond the hope

that McAdoo can fail, a mindset that in all honesty is the best thing for this team, Giants ownership would be sending an important signal to the league if they retain their coach through the rest of this horrid season.

It shows patience and a certain level of class to do so, a commitment and dedication that the organization is above a hurried or knee-jerk decision. There will be a pool of coaching candidates this winter who will line up for the Giants job. This organization and its history are too good to ignore, despite the current debacle.

Retaining McAdoo for the final seven games, no matter how painful it may be, sends a strong message to any candidate for the job that the Giants aren't going to cut ties when the going gets tough.

Now McAdoo's time with the team, along with general manager Jerry Reese, likely comes to an end at the end of the year and it makes sense to retain both until that time. The Giants aren't making the postseason, they aren't progressing as a team.

This is a veteran roster after all that needs to be blown up with very little viable young talent on the two-deep. There's no advantage to making the move right now or firing either one.

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Eagles 8-1 (Bye)

Panthers

7-3 (W vs. MIA)

The league got a taste of adding Jay Ajayi to what was already a top five rushing attack when he sprinted for a 46-yard touchdown against Denver. Now the Eagles have had their bye week to fully integrate Ajayi into the offense.



Steelers 7-2 (W vs. IND)

The Panthers racked up Ben Roethlisberger had under 250 yards passing, Le'veon Bell averaged 3.1 yards per carry and Antonio Brown had 47 yards receiving. They pulled together for a game winning drive, but the Steelers remain the high ranked team passing, 95 rushing, and four touchdowns to the most likely to throw out a record night.

Saints 7-2 (W vs. BUF)

After beginning the season with struggles in the red zone, the Saints had four touchdown runs of three yards or less Sunday. On defense they held the Bills to 198 yards, a large chunk of them coming in garbage time to win their seventh straight game.

Jaquars 6-3 (W vs. LAC)

The Jaguars have their first three game winning streak since 2013. To get it, they survived taunting calls on Marquise Lee and Aaron Colvin that jeopardized the game's ending. A fake punt gave them most of their rushing attack on a day where Leonard Fournette was held in check.

Patriots 7-2 (W vs. DEN)

Tom Brady passed Peyton Manning with his 86th-career road victory. The Pats tied their own AFC record of 12-straight road wins and Bill Belichick moved into a tie with Tom Landry for the third most coaching wins in league history

Seahawks 6-3 (Wvs. ARZ)

Richard Sherman became the latest victim in a season of stars suffering seasonending injuries when he ruptured his Achilles. Sherman's streak of consecutive games played comes to an end at 105 - an impressive legacy of playing through injuries that finally caught up to him Thursday.

Chiefs

6-3 (bye)

The Chiefs have en-

dured a rough time

since their 5-0 start, but

things could be looking

up: they leave their bye

with both Andy Reid's

success and games

against the Giants,

forward to.

Bills, and Jets to look

vaunted post bye week

Rams 7-2 (W vs. HOU)

A week after Robert Woods had 70 yards and two scores against the Giants, he upped the stakes with 171 yards and another pair of scores. Offensive threats are coming out of the woodwork for Jared Goff, who had a career best 355 yards passing against Houston.

Vikings 7-2 (W vs. CHI)

With Mike Zimmer refusing to say who will start at QB going forward, the Case Keenum vs Teddy Bridgewater argument hangs in limbo. Keenum is the Vikings third-string QB. Bridgewater was their first-round pick and the future of the fran-

Best of the rest

- 11 Falcons (5-3)
- 12 Lions (5-3)
- 13 Cowboys (5-4)
- 14 Titans 6-3)
- 15 Washington (4-5)
- 16 Bills (5-4)
- 17 Ravens 4-5)
- 18 Raiders (4-5)
- 19 Packers (5-6)
- 20 Jets (4-6)
- 21 Cardinals (4-5)
- 22 Chargers (3-6)
- 23 Buccaneers (3-6)
- 24 Colts (3-7
- 25 Dolphins 4-5)

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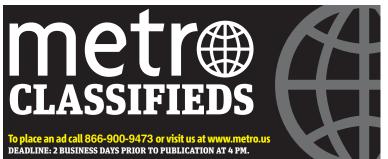
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- 63 No-frills hairdo
- 64 Opera hero, often
- 65 Vitality
- 66 No sweat!
- 67 Reporter's angle 68 Go out with

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- 4 Weightlifter's move
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- 41 Hypo units
- 45 Swab target 46 Valued greatly
- 48 Blows hard
- 49 Drives forward
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- 52 Longest arm bone
- 53 Neighbor of Thailand 55 Dracula actor -- Lugosi
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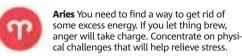
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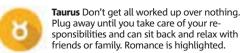
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Gemini Your playful approach to life and love will help you gain access to information that can help you meet new people. Discuss your plans with someone you love.

Cancer Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you or cause you to make an emotional blunder. Consider the changes you can make that will encourage greater happiness.

Leo Be ready to make a leap from one thing or place to another. Your ability to make things happen will surprise someone who doesn't expect you to make a move.

Virgo Bypass discussions that make you feel

uncomfortable or that you are not ready to

deal with. Look at what you can do, and stay

in touch with people who support you.

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Libra Concentrate on the relationships you have with others. Whether at work or home or when dealing with friends, a positive attitude and sincerity will help build strong ties.

Scorpio Take the lead when the chance occurs. Look at the big picture and make choices that will give you the edge and help you outmaneuver any competition you encounter.



Sagittarius Put your mind at ease by doing what's best for you. Changes you make at home or work will increase your confidence and boost your income.



Capricorn Stay focused on what you need to accomplish. Don't let petty differences stir up anxiety and cost you time and money. Walk away from touchy situations.



Aquarius You can make progress when it comes to home improvements, investments and trying to get others to pitch in and help. Don't let bad habits take control.



Pisces If you want something, be willing to put in the hard labor, time and effort to make it happen. Intelligence and fortitude will help you reach your goal. EUGENIA LAST

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